

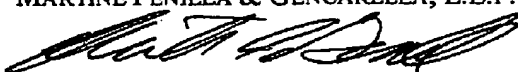
Appl. No. 09/842,387
Amdt. dated October 17, 2005
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-13, and 46-53 are pending in the application. The specification has been updated to include referral to the head and tail as originally claimed in claim 1. The original as-filed application had the reference to the head and the tail included in claim 1 and this as-filed language has been incorporated into the specification as requested above. Accordingly, these amendments do not constitute new matter. The claims are provided for the Examiner's convenience and no changes have been made.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 774-6921. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ALTEP066). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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